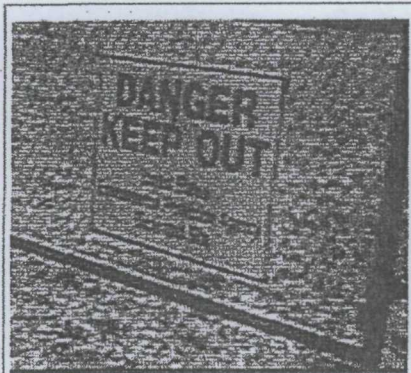


## EPA Hauling Lead-Contaminated Glass From Landfill

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) says it could take three days to clean up tons of lead-tainted broken glass discovered at a West Chester landfill.

Environmental experts say the crushed computer screen glass was dumped illegally at the Skinner landfill on Cincinnati Dayton Road.

Ohio and US EPA officials showed 9News photos so we could get an idea of what's going on for the clean up.

9News could not get video because the landfill owner asked us to leave the property.

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People working on the removal say it could take up to three days to remove 78 containers of smashed computer glass.

Kathy Clayton, with the US EPA said, "It's illegally stored hazardous waste that could pose as a potential risk. It's near a creek and has potential to hit the groundwater."

EPA officials they found the containers of glass in the fall during a routine check of the Skinner landfill. The checks are conducted regularly.

Back in the 1970s manufacturing waste was discovered dumped on part of the property.

That part of the property was declared a Superfund site and the hazardous materials were cleaned up.

Albert Skinner owned the property back then. Now it's owned by Skinner's wife and his son.

EPA officials said Tri-E Technology, a now bankrupt company out of Fairfield, put the boxes there in the fall.

The question is -- did the landfill owner permit it?

Jeff Smith, of the Ohio EPA, said, "There was a company that supposedly dropped them off and it was on Mr. Skinner's property."

"We sent letters to both parties trying to get the boxes removed. We were not able to get that done in a timely manner so we contacted the US EPA to come in and do a removal because of our concerns with the lead contamination on the ground," said Smith.

The Skinners didn't want to talk about the glass that's being hauled away to a hazardous waste disposal facility in Michigan, but their neighbor Margaret Hannah did.

"None of us have died. They raised their family back there. They're not going to raise their family where there's danger. You know, they love their family too," said Hannah.

The EPA is still investigating to determine if the bankrupt Fairfield company, or the Skinners, should have to pay for this \$100,000 cleanup.

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